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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 6, 1961

Dear Allen:

Thank you for your letter of February fifth pointing out that CIA has certain views about the Congo which would have been presented last week if our intended processes of coordination had been a little more successfully carried out. I think the President is well aware of the circumstances of this particular case, and I know that he intends to be sure that the views of the Agency are fully presented, both in task force discussions, and wherever it is necessary to the President himself, in the future. In the circumstances, I doubt if it would be useful to circulate a correction to the Record of Action, but I have asked Mr. Lay to include your letter and this answer in our files so that the point will be quite plain in the event that some question should arise about this particular set of discussions in the future.

Sincerely,

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McGeorge Bundy

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles

Feb-8 '61

The Director of Central Intelligence

I handed Mr. G. B. for

his letter

Allen

White House

5 February 1961

Dear Mac:

The record of action of the NSC Meeting of February 1, 1961 states that a recently adopted course of action dealing with Congo problems had been coordinated with the CIA. As I mentioned to you by telephone, as soon as I saw this record of action, I believe the above statement is based upon a misunderstanding since the course of action referred to was not so coordinated.

Policy recommendations are not the functions of this Agency; however, if the coordination process had been carried out in this particular instance, the Agency would have submitted intelligence considerations which might have suggested certain changes in, or additions to, the actions proposed.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED:

Allen W. Dulles
Director

The Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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